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Operation Falcon (USFWS operation)

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Operation Falcon was an undercover operation conducted by the [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#) (USFWS) and the [Canadian Wildlife Service](#) from 1982–1984. The investigation into the illegal sale of [federally protected birds](#) resulted in 63 people being tried or taking a plea bargain. Of the cases that went to trial, there were 5 [acquittals](#), 5 [felony](#) convictions, 44 [misdemeanor](#) convictions and 1 [civil](#) conviction.^[1] Jeff McPartlin, a [falconer](#) who was reported to be integral to the operation, received the Monitor award for his work. He was later ejected from the [North American Falconers Association](#) because officials from the group felt "the man had deceived people".^[2] Many falconers were upset at the tactics used during the investigation and felt that the sting inappropriately targeted bystanders rather than professional long term smugglers.^[3] Additional information, much published by the National Falconry organization, is available in the following link: <http://resourceclearinghouse.blogspot.com/2010/04/operation-falcon.html>

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